

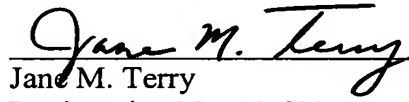
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13-15, 17 and 18 have been currently amended, and new Claims 19 and 20 have been added. Claim amendments were made relative to the original Claims 1-18, as filed in the Article 34 Amendments. Support for the amended and new claims can be found throughout the specification, and in the original claims. Particular support for amended Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13-15, 17 and 18 can be found in the respective original claims. Particular support for new Claims 19 and 20 can be found in original Claims 3 and 4, respectively. Claim amendments were made to remove multiple dependencies and to conform the claim language to U.S. practice. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amended and new claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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